

## HOCH MAKES A CONFESSION.

He Admits That He Married Ten Women and That Was All He Did Marry.

### TOLD THIS TO CHICAGO POLICE

Mrs. Ellen Hoppe Declared He Had Wedded Her and Then Was Uncertain About It.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Johann Hoch, indicted for bigamy, suspected of murdering his wife, was taken into custody by Chicago police tonight, and after several hours of searching here was interrogated by the police with little result. The train hearing Hoch, and officer Loftus, who held him in custody, was due in Chicago at 12:15, but it was 1 o'clock before it rolled into the La Salle station. A large crowd had gathered to see the famous prisoner, but none of the wives were among the number.

Hoch had evidently expected a number of his wives to meet him at the station, and he was plainly disappointed that they did not come.

"Where are these 14 wives you talked so much about," he asked of Mr. Loftus.

"I guess you have been joking me about the business; otherwise there could not be 14, for I never had that many. There seem to be a lot of women who seem to think that I am the only man in the world who could marry them and get away with some of their money."

When Hoch and Loftus alighted from the train, the detail of six policemen, who had been sent to the station to meet them, was able to control the crowd only with great difficulty. The people held and shoved in an excited manner as they strove to get close enough to the prisoner to get a look at him. When he was recognized, a number of people jeered and hooted him. The police hurried Hoch through the station, and on the sidewalk outside had another crowd to deal with, but they quickly hustled Hoch into a patrol wagon, and started for the East Chicago Avenue police station, a mile distant. Outside of the station a third crowd gathered, and it was larger and more obstreperous than the others.

It was found necessary to call officers from the inside of the station before the walks could be cleared sufficiently to allow the prisoner to be taken into the station. He was taken into the office of Police Inspector George Shipley.

The interrogation of Hoch was commenced at a few minutes after 7:30 o'clock, and was in operation at midnight. Hoch at the outset admitted that he had married Mrs. Marie Goerk Hoch, and that the marriage was legal. He would admit nothing else.

During the evening five women who claimed to be wives of Hoch called at the police station. One of them, Mrs. Emilie Fischer Hoch, saw the prisoner in a minute and saluted him with the exclamation:

"Oh old hog; you got my \$750, didn't you?"

Hoch made no reply, but smiled as he considered the affair of \$750 rather a joke than otherwise.

Later the five women were, one at a time, admitted into the office of the inspector, and all of them identified Hoch as the man to whom they were married. Mrs. Ellen Hoppe at first declared that she had married Hoch, but later said she was not sure about it.

Inspector Shipley asked: "Hoch, did you marry this woman?"

"No," replied Hoch, "but maybe I will if you don't hustle her out of her room."

Mrs. Mary Rankin Hoch, who admitted last week that she had committed bigamy when she married Hoch, was repudiated in strong terms by the prisoner. He declared that he had never married her and had never seen her before.

When Mrs. Marie Goerk Hoch was admitted into the room Hoch declared that he married her, but that the marriage was illegal. He also confessed to having married Mrs. Emilie Fischer Hoch when she was shown into the room.

A physician who had attended Mrs. Walker Hoch, the last wife of Hoch, identified him as the husband of Mrs. Walker, and showed him a bill for \$100 for attendance upon the woman.

"Oh, yes," said Hoch; "I remember something about that. Bring it around in the morning. I'll still be here," and he laughed heartily at the remark.

The examination of Hoch by the police was concluded after midnight and just before his close he confessed that he had married the woman, Hoch also admitted that he had intended to commit suicide, and that the white powder found in a fountain pen taken from his pocket in New York today was arsenic which he had purchased with the intention of killing himself.

The names of two of the women married by Hoch were not disclosed by the police. The other eight were:

Mrs. Julia Steinbrecher; married in 1884.

Mrs. Julia Marie Wackler; married Dec. 12, 1894.

Mrs. Mary Becker; St. Louis.

Mrs. Anna Hendricks; married in Hammond, Ind., Jan. 2, 1902.

Mrs. Marie Goerk; married in 1904.

Mrs. Mary Rankin; married in 1894.

Mrs. Martha Hordelott; now of Pasadena, Cal., married in 1895.

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## THEY CURE THE GRIP

SO DECLARES MR. DAVIS OF DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

The Effect of a Severe Attack Quickly Overcome by the Use of the Great Blood and Nerve Remedy.

The grip differs from ordinary colds in that it introduces into the system a very obstinate poison. The victim of an attack is never fully cured until this poison is thoroughly driven out of the blood. So long as it is there he remains weak and depressed and liable to a fresh attack. Stubborn indigestion, neuralgia and other nervous disorders are some of the ailments that follow the grip, and show the bad condition of the blood.

How can the impure blood be purified and enriched? This is a question of the greatest importance for every sufferer. When this matter was under discussion recently, Mr. John F. Davis said: "In the latter part of December, 1902, I had a severe attack of grip, and two months before I began to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I was a great sufferer."

"What was your chief trouble?"

"The terrible pains that racked my whole body. I do not think any part of it was free from them."

"Did you have any other discomforts?"

"At first I had only what I thought to be a slight cold. I supposed it would go away in a short time, but it hung on. One night when I came home from work, I suddenly became so weak and dizzy that I was obliged to lie down. Cold sweat came out on my forehead and my head ached fearfully. I called a doctor who treated me for grip, but very little relief came from his treatment. My appetite failed and I grew very thin. For two months the almost unbearable pains continued."

"Then I came across the story of a man who had been cured of a condition like mine by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I made up my mind to try them and see if they would not help me."

"Did they help you?"

"Yes, indeed; they met all the needs of my case. The first box was not so much good to me as I felt better than at any time since I was first stricken down. My appetite revived and I began to take on flesh. By the time I had taken five more boxes the dreadful pains had altogether disappeared, and I have ever since been a well man and a firm believer in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Mr. Davis lives at No. 115 Emerson street, Haverhill, Mass. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills thoroughly cleanse the blood of impurities, build up the system, and resist the effects of a variable climate. They are equally good for shattered nerves, dispel low spirits and rouse slumbering energies. They are sold by every druggist in the world.

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## KATE EDWARDS THE MURDERESS.

She Makes a Statement in Which She Exonerates Greason From Complicity in Her Crime.

### HE WAS CONVICTED WITH HER.

It Is Believed Confession Will Place Case in a New Light Before Board of Pardons.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Kate Edwards, who is under sentence to be hanged with Samuel Greason on Thursday next for the murder of her husband, made a statement to her counsel tonight in which it is said she exonerates Greason from complicity in the murder. The statement will not be given to the public until it is presented to the board of pardons, but the inference is left that she has admitted that she alone committed the crime.

Mrs. Edwards and Greason, who is a colored man, were convicted of the murder of Edwards, and since the death sentence has been pronounced extraordinary efforts have been made to save them from the gallows. The board of pardons has heretofore refused to interfere, and the state supreme court has affirmed the lower court's decision.

Mrs. Edwards' confession, it is thought, will place the case in an entirely new light before the board of pardons. The board will meet at Harrisburg Feb. 15, the day before the date fixed for the double execution. If the woman's statement is accepted by the board it may mean the man's life. If the woman is spared it will therefore be entirely on sentimental grounds, as strong pressure is being brought before the board not to execute the woman.

In the trial much testimony was presented to show that Edwards was a dissolute character; that he drank heavily and that he treated his wife in a brutal manner. It was shown that Edwards was killed while he lay drunk at his home.

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Even recorded at present. He also wants timber set aside and some alterations made in the allotment law relating to other than 200 acres taking land. The condition of the sick, old and feeble, he says, must be looked out for, and counts on the president looking at things in the same light.

The board not only has the authority of the full council. He expects to leave for Washington by tomorrow night at the latest. Agent Bellows is here waiting instructions from Washington.

FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

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